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Razors, Scissors, and Pinch-nips.

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Hand Mirrors, Toilet Sets,

Shaving Brushes of all kinds.

Glove, and Patent Drying Bottles.

Hair, Tooth, Nail, Bath, and Shaving Brushes in great variety.

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Fine English Cut-glass Toilet Bottles and Perfume Spray Diffusers. An Elegant Assortment of various designs.

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A large selection of all kinds kept in stock to choose from.

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In addition to those of our own make, all of which we can confidently recommend, we keep a large and varied assortment of the following well-known marks, &c.

Atkinson's, Calvert's, Colgate's, Henklein's, Lubin's, Pears, &c., &c.

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European and American Patent Medicines, Specialities, and Proprietary Remedies, imported direct from the Original Makers or their appointed Agents.

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Apolinaris, Carlsbad, Epsom, Friedr.shall, Hungari Janos, Pul'n'a, Vals, Vichy, &c.

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Condensed Milk, Cocoa Flour, Bernards Arrowroot, Russian Lingonberries, Prepared Grouts, Genuine Mustard, &c.

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Chloro Bals, Metal and Earthenware Bed Pans, Disinfectants and Medicated Toilet Papers, Fumigating Pastilles, Vaporizers, &c., &c.

Southall's Sanitary Towels for Ladies' use.

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Water-proof Sheets.

Bonchits' Bottles, Hot Water Bottles, Chests, and Long Protractors.

Adhesive Plaster, Court Dress.

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Japanese Hot Boxes, Air Cushions.

Mustard Leaves, Sponge Pains.

Limed Meal for Poultices, Poultices, Dags, &c., &c.

Minim Measures, Medicine Glasses and Spoons, Champagne and Soda Water Taps, Seltzergen, &c.

Eye Baths, Douches and Douches, Throat Sprays, Inhalers and Insufflators, Stethoscopes, Hypodermic Syringes.

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Chemical, Clinical, and Bath Thermometers.

Six' Minimum and Maximum Ther-

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Barometers, Hygrometers, Lictometers,

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Flasks, Test Tubes, Test Papers, &c., &c.

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For Corsets, and Trumpets, Convales-

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Wire, Forceps, Knives and Scissors,

Bandages, Dressing Uppers and Instruments,

Respirators, Dispensing Scales

and Weights.

Intimations.

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We import direct shipments of the follow-

ing favourite Brands regularly at short in-

tervals.

Sweet Caporal, Richmond Gem, and Old

Judge.

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IN TINS AND PACKETS.

Pipes, Cigar and Cigarette Tubes, Cigar

and Cigarette Cases, Foulards, Cigarette

Machines, and a varied assortment of

Smokers' Requisites.

GOODS FOR COAST PORTS.

Whenever practicable, are despatched by

first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

Most articles can now be sent by the local

Parcel Post. All retail orders of the value

of five dollars and upwards are sent freight

or postage paid.

Orders through Local Post or by Tele-

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Address Envelopes, Order Forms, and

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THE CHINA MAIL

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TUESDAY,
THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

the 14th January, 1890, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

GOLD WATCH & SUNDAY CURIOS belonging to P. F. E. GRINBLE, Bankrupt;
SEXTANT AND TELESCOPE, belonging to the Estate of the late L. H. D'EWELL.

At the same time will be sold

SUNDAY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, MARBLE TOP CENTER TABLE, CHINAMAN GLASS AND WRITING TABLE, DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD WITH GLASS BOOK, WHATNOTS, CROCKERY, GLASS AND PLATEDWARE.

DOUBLE AND SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS, MARINE-MADE WARDROBE, WARDROBES WITH PLATE GLASS DOORS, CHEST OF DRAWERS, MARBLE TOP TOILET TABLE AND WASHERSTAND.

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 10, 1890.

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Entertainment.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME.
ALI BABA,
AND THE
FORTY THIEVES.

BY SPECIAL REQUEST
there will be

A PERFORMANCE of the above Pantomime, or

the 23rd January, at 9 p.m.

Reserved Seats,..... 82.

Unreserved Seats,..... 81.

Tickets can be obtained at **MESSIS LANE**, and after Wednesday, January 16th.

Hongkong, January 10, 1890.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP between HOLMES & PAYNE, Solicitors, is dissolved by mutual consent as from the 1st Instant, and the Business will be carried on by the Undersigned.

HENRY J. HOLMES,
Solicitor.

Hongkong, January 10, 1890.

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NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY commenced Business as a SHARE & GENERAL BROKER.

J. GRANT,
Marine House,

Hongkong, January 1, 1890.

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NOTICE.

LYR. OSCAR NOOTD has been admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st of July last.

A. SCHOMBURG & Co.

Pakkhol, January 1, 1890.

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NOTICE.

AS sufficient Shares have been applied for to float the above Company, the business will be taken over (in accordance with the Prospectus) from this date; but in response to numerous requests from intending Subscribers the Share List will be kept open until the 31st instant.

January 1, 1890.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS. THE LIST WILL POSITIVELY CLOSE ON THE 31ST INSTANT, 1890, AT 3 O'CLOCK.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

I, the Undersigned, have for some years past carried on Business and been commonly known as, and under the Name of, MOSES SOLOMON SILAS, whereas my true proper name is—

MOSES SOLOMON SILAS SASSOON.

No notice is hereby given that on and from this date I shall Discontinue the use of the name of Moses Son Silas, and resume the name of Moses SOLOMON SILAS SASSOON, and will sign all contracts, documents, and letters in such name only.

MOSES SOLOMON SILAS,

otherwise

MOSES SOLOMON SILAS SASSOON.

Hongkong, December 25, 1889.

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NOTICE.

MR. JOHN MEIER has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from this date:

KRUSE & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1890.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1890.

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NOTICE.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the Chambers, Hanze Zetland Street, on THURSDAY NEXT, the 16th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITORS THEREIN are cordially invited.

Hongkong, January 13, 1890.

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NOTICE.

THE LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE OF HONGKONG, No. 116.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the Chambers, Hanze Zetland Street, on THURSDAY NEXT, the 16th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITORS THEREIN are cordially invited.

Hongkong, January 13, 1890.

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NOTICE.

MR. HERNBARDY begs respectfully to inform LADIES and FAMILIES of Hongkong, that he has established his own Company and will give LESSONS in FLUENCY SINGING, and the FOREIGN LANGUAGES—FRENCH, GERMAN, ITALIAN, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS VERY MODERATE.

BONHAM ROAD, WEST END TERRACE No. 4.

Hongkong, January 13, 1890.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.—The Co.'s Steamship Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 16th Inst., at daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 13, 1890.

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HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.)

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE IN ALL DEPARTMENTS, MONDAY NEXT,

the 13th Instant.

Hongkong, January 6, 1890.

To-day's Advertisements.

Business Notices.

WINES AND SPIRITS.


BY APPOINTMENT.
A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.
(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)
HONGKONG.

THE SPANISH MINISTRY.

MADRID, Jan. 3.
The whole of the Ministry have resigned.

The Queen-Regent has commissioned Mr. Sagasta with the formation of a new Ministry.

MADRID, 4th January.

The probable constitution of the new Ministry is as follows:—President, Sagasta; Estado, Vizc. Arrijo; Justicia, Montero Rios; Finance, unnamed; War, Lopez Dominguez; Marine, Monroy; Government, Pingover; Foreign Affairs, Gamazo.

MADRID, Jan. 6th.

The formation of a new Ministry of colonization is impossible.

(From Singapore Papers.)

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

LONDON, 31st Dec.—Dr. Irvine Rowell is appointed Companion of St. Michael and St. George.

Thomas Irvine Rowell, M.D., C.M., Aberdeen, Principal Civil Medical Officer, Straits Settlements, 1st July 1877; and Health Officer for the port of Singapore; J.P. for the Settlements; had acted as Colonial Surgeon on several occasions from May 1868 to March 1873; accompanied Sir Robinson on a mission to invest the King of Siam with G.C.M.G., Nov. 1878; and birth and death, Dec. 1882, and of Mahometan marriages, Dec. 1883; President of Municipal Commissioners 29th January 1888; proceeded home on leave 23rd April (1888).

IRELAND.

For the first time for many years the Queen's health was proposed at a banquet at the Mansion House, Dublin, and drunk in silence.

SOMALILAND.

Two French Missionaries have been murdered between Zithah and Harrar by the followers of the Sultan of Amhara, [.]

INFLUENZA.

Influenza has spread to Malta.

THE KING OF ITALY ON THE SITUATION.

LONDON, 3rd Jan.—King Humbert, re-

plying to a deputation from the Italian Parliament, said that there was a time when it would have been impossible to guarantee the safety of Europe for a fort-

night, whereas it now assured, and the approachment of Germany and Russia is helping its maintenance.

As the deputation withdrew a man in

the crowd threw a lighted bomb, which

however failed to explode, and the man

was arrested.

INFLUENZA.

LONDON, 1st Jan.—The epidemic is un-

abated in the City. The hospitals are quite

inadequate, and the death rate is rapidly

increasing. It is spreading throughout

the Continent, more especially in Austria

and Germany.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—Humber, Dec. 6; Shakespeare, 20; Carmarthenshire, Glenfinlas, New Castle, 21; Craigmore, 24; Liverpool, Nov. 31; Braunschweig, Friendville, Jan. 3; Cyclops, Glenarou, Out, 7; Galley of Lorne, Patmarus, Tarcar, 10.

HOMEWARD BOUND.—Claymore, Dec. 27; Opacack, Utqiya, Jan. 3; Polyphemus, Telemacus, 10.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer Nefel, with the French mail of Dec. 13th, left Saigon on Monday, Jan. 13, at 6 a.m., and is expected here on or about Thursday, 16th Jan.

On such occasions they have perfectly demonstrated their capabilities, and moreover their conduct and demeanour have been satisfactory.

It is therefore requested by the Govern-

ment at Canton that these gentlemen may receive certain promotion to which they are entitled by the regulations in force.—*Appalled*.

Peking Gazette.

A PAMPHLET entitled *The Suppression of Piracy in the China Sea*, 1849, by Admiral Right Hon. Sir D. Daley Day, Bart., has just been published by Edward Stanford, London. It will bring back (says the *London Express*) the memories of the now dead and persons who remember the furies in China and the bold intruders with which the Chinese pirates went about their business. The little book records the destruction of the fleet of Shapen-tai, or Chang-shih-wen-ze, and his fleet, Chin-ao, or Tze-sze, the number of Captain d'Acosta and Surgeon Dryer in Hongkong in 1849. The work of destroying the naval fleets was performed by Hay, Wilcox, Goddard, who lost his life, Lyons, [.] and others, who were successful in exterminating these pests of the sea, who had for long defied the efforts of the Chinese to put a stop to them. The story brings back some of the names of well-known captains in the China trade of the early days, such as Lingley, Jamieson, and Endacott, and the famous Alu. Forty years have passed since the destruction, and though piracy is not unknown in the present days of China, no such organised band has ever again established itself.

A HEAVILY通信 of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China E. G. was

held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 7th January, 1890, when Right Worshipful Bro. John Irwin Miller, District Grand Master, assisted by Right Worshipful Bro. C. Thorpe, Past District Grand Master, Northern China, Right Worshipful Bro. O. H. Dallas, Past District Grand Master of Japan, and Worshipful Bro. T. W. Kingham, Deputy District Grand Master, appointed and invested his office-bearers as follows:—

Wor. Bro. F. M. Gratton, D. S. G. W.

" " " G. Wingrove, D. J. G. W.

" " " S. Moutre, D. G. Tressor.

" " " J. West, D. G. Registrar.

" " " J.

G. FENWICK & CO., LIMITED.
A meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held this afternoon in the Hongkong Hotel, for the purpose of electing an auditor. Mr. Fullerton Henderson presided, and there were also present: Messrs G. Fenwick, R. L. Stevens, J. Anderson, and D. McColloch.

The Chairman and the notice explained the object of the meeting. To meet the requirements of the Articles of Association an auditor had to be appointed at a general meeting of shareholders, and he begged to propose that Mr. Thomas Arnold be appointed.

Mr. Anderson seconded and the motion was agreed to.

There was no other business.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils at Victoria College took place to-day in the Examination Hall of the College. His Excellency the Governor presided, and was accompanied on the platform by Mr. G. H. Bateson, Wright, M.A.; Head Master of the College; Hon. S. Brown, Hon. W. M. Dean, Hon. A. MacEwen, and Hon. G. C. Mitchell Innes; and Dr. Bittel, H. M. Inspector of Schools. A large number of visitors occupied seats in the gallery, and the body of the hall was filled by the scholars, 136 of whom, however, as the Headmaster explained, were unable to obtain admission, large as the hall was.

THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

The Headmaster read his annual report, which is as follows:—

Victoria College, 10th January, 1860.

Sir—I have the honour to forward the Annual Report on this Co.lege.

1. The total number of boys on the roll during the past year was 919. The number of school days 233 is still below the average though better than the previous year. The College was closed on the four following extraordinary occasions, two days during the storm in July, one day on the transfer from the Central School and one day on the Public Funeral.

2. To illustrate the condition of school during the last five years the following table is annexed:—

Year.	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.	Monthly Expenditure.	Average Daily Attendance.	Total Number of Schools.			Monthly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.
					Actual Net School Expen- diture.	Per cent. of such Expen- diture.	Aver- age Daily Atten- dance.		
1855.	412	95,36	5,273	12,565.00	29	47	27	5,273	676
1856.	405	94,91	5,042	11,659.00	29	47	27	5,042	676
1857.	334	97,00	5,170	11,527.00	29	47	27	5,170	676
1858.	670	93,41	5,638	11,919.00	29	47	27	5,638	676

VICTORIA COLLEGE.

3. Victoria College was occupied 10th July 1859, the foundation stone having been laid by Sir George Leven 26th April, 1854, on a site selected by a commission some fourteen years ago. The College is undoubtedly a fine spacious building, occupying a good central position and is sufficiently elevated to ensure a free admission of light, and of whatever cool breezes may be expected in the summer weather. The class-rooms are arranged with the strictest economy of space and easily provide accommodation for 960 boys. Besides its annual fee for the prize distribution, the hall is of great service in the monthly collections of fees and is absolutely indispensable in the maintenance of annual examinations, when 137 boys can be examined at one time, while ample space is provided as a precaution against the possibility of copying or any communication whatever. The large covered playground in the basement is an incomparable boon during the rainy and hot season.

THE LATE DR. STEWART.

4. The erection of Victoria College is entirely due to the foresight and unremitting zeal of the late Dr. Stewart, who by a sad fatality can scarcely be said to have seen the fruition of his labours, as he was removed by death before the College was in full working order. The extent to which he bore up against the depressing effect of debt and disappointment may be conceived when we read the following extract from his report six years ago:—"As a remedy for all this (stationary condition) cannot be far distant now, although it cannot arrive in time to affect the current year, further notice of the school, its working, its aims, and its success may therefore be deferred until the new building is occupied." Dr. Stewart will ever be famous as the Founder of Education in the Colony. Apart too from enjoying an immortality in the hearts of his scholars in all parts of China—I might say the world—his memory will be kept green in Victoria College by the scholarship founded in his honour by old scholars in 1854. I believe the Memorial Committee appointed since his death contented to apply to the Government for permission to affix some permanent memorial in the College hall.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

5. It was originally proposed that Victoria College should furnish accommodation for 770 boys, a number which was found to be extraneously large. By the simple expedient of dividing all the desks into six instead of five parts, seats have been provided for 960 boys (including the Pupil Teachers' room), affording each boy a space that compares favourably with what is required in the Oxford Senior Local Examination. As I believe, a mistaken impression prevails that Latin was on this account added to the curriculum, I will take this opportunity of ventilating the purpose with which it was introduced. Bacon and Milton, the fathers of English prose composition, team with Latinus, nor are they entirely absent from the modern standard of Addison. It is only quite recently that English composition has become a separate study in England. Formerly a good classical education was supposed sufficient to enable an English author to write correctly in his mother tongue. It is therefore reasonable to suppose that a foreigner must be assisted in the acquisition of English rules of composition, by the study of that language, on which its choicest models are based. In Latin the observance of concord and regimen is rendered conspicuous by inflection, the intelligent translation therefore of a simple Latin author should explain the reason of many English rules. Moreover the student in understanding and distinguishing the meanings of English words, and then in calling them is manifestly assisted by even a rudimentary Latin vocabulary. In the First Class Latin, Chemistry, Drawing, Book-keeping, Measurement and Trigonometry will for the future be optional, and not included in class subjects.

BOOKS.

are intelligent is established by the large number of boys in the short period of five-six years have advanced from the alphabet to a knowledge of English sufficient to do a creditable paper on a play of Shakespeare. Their docility proverbially abounds the admiration of every new master from England. Paternal kindness is a national characteristic sometimes provoking to the more impetuous European. It might be thought that with these admirable traits the work of teaching in this College would be an easy task and the results would be even better than they are. There would be grounds for this supposition, if there were not serious compensating drawbacks, such as the following. Stability and lack of fiscal expression render it next to impossible for a teacher to gather how much of what he says is understood by the class; he has not the satisfaction of seeing perplexed ignorance dissolve into triumphant knowledge, for difficulties do not puzzle the boy, nor does success kindle the eye of the Chinese student. This difficulty is increased tenfold by the fact that all instruction is given in English, thus there is not merely the doubt whether a boy understands the subject itself, but a fear that he does not grasp the phrase in which it is conveyed. Again the Chinese answer in English with a single word after the general of their own language, leaving a great deal to the imagination; such a habit is hard to break and very tantalising to the teacher, as is the only answer the boy would answer to the best of his ability, even running the risk of a mistake, will ask the master for assistance or explanation, a Chinese is deterred by a regard for the ridicule of his comrades. Once again, though keen in detecting the shades of their dozen native tones, Chinese ears are remarkably dull in detecting the difference in English vowel sounds, and between sharp and flat consonants, the result of all which is impossible mistakes in Dictation and Reading. It might be thought too, that the inherent power of memory in the Chinese race, of which one hears so much, would prove a considerable factor in their progress, but this is far from being the case. The boy certainly be so in Examination, if special care were not taken in framing the questions to avoid putting them in such a form as would all w of an answer being previously committed to memory. But as a matter of fact, in daily school life there would appear to be a sad lack of intelligent memory, the master cannot rely on the boy's having done the previous day's work, on which he has been engaged all day, as a foundation on which to build, and the result is lower than the characteristics of Chinese boys, because only those, daily engaged in the task of teaching, know exactly where the difficulties lie, and because some explanation is afforded of the necessity of the slow progress that has been made in the past, and may be expected for some time in the future.

COURSE OF STUDIES.

8. To impart the principles of a sound education in English is the main object of this Government Institution. In the distribution of work to each class this is steadily aimed at, and strict injunctions are given to employ the English language alone in all instruction, except of course in Translation Lessons and when, occasionally in Junior Classes, difficulties require to be explained in Chinese. The natural consequence of this is that the boys become very apt at understanding what is said to them in English. The great problem is how to get boys to speak English before they leave school. Experience has shown that, within a few months after obtaining a situation, our Chinese boys, with their store of grammatical rules and knowledge of composition, develop the power of speaking English very creditably; but as a rule, only Pupil Teachers and Monitors really speak English well before leaving school, and even then not clearly to a want of confidence and to the absence of a spirit of necessity. Special attention will be paid to this in the future.

The work of the upper classes is to be presented regularly by the requirements of the Oxford Senior Local Examination. As I believe, a mistaken impression prevails that Latin was on this account added to the curriculum, I will take this opportunity of ventilating the purpose with which it was introduced. Bacon and Milton, the fathers of English prose composition, team with Latinus, nor are they entirely absent from the modern standard of Addison. It is only quite recently that English composition has become a separate study in England. Formerly a good classical education was supposed sufficient to enable an English author to write correctly in his mother tongue. It is therefore reasonable to suppose that a foreigner must be assisted in the acquisition of English rules of composition, by the study of that language, on which its choicest models are based. In Latin the observance of concord and regimen is rendered conspicuous by inflection, the intelligent translation therefore of a simple Latin author should explain the reason of many English rules. Moreover the student in understanding and distinguishing the meanings of English words, and then in calling them is manifestly assisted by even a rudimentary Latin vocabulary. In the First Class Latin, Chemistry, Drawing, Book-keeping, Measurement and Trigonometry will for the future be optional, and not included in class subjects.

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

16. Last July we sent up ten boys. Of these eight passed, three Seniors and one below 19 were declared qualified in Arts, while five passed the Junior Examination.

PROGRESS.

17. The following Table gives some idea of the manner in which the teaching of English Subjects has been extended in the school, together with the introduction of higher subjects in the Upper Classes. The figures are the total number of boys examined in each subject in the following years:—

TRANSLATION TO ENGLISH.—CLASSES I, II, III.

GRAMMAR.—CLASSES I, II, III.

COMPOSITION.—CLASSES I, II, III.

HISTORY.—CLASSES I, II, III.

EUCLID.—CLASSES I, II, III.

ALGEBRA.—CLASSES I, II, III.

MEASUREMENT.—CLASSES I, II, III.

LATIN.—CLASSES I, II, III.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.—CLASSES I, II, III.

SHAKESPEARE.—CLASSES I, II, III.

TRIGONOMETRY.—CLASSES I, II, III.

CAREERS OF OLD SCHOLARS.

18. That this College supplies a large demand for clerks in this country is sufficiently attested by the following facts culled from the Annual Summary of the past six years; 32 appointments have been obtained in the Colonial Service, 150 boys have been engaged by European professional and mercantile firms in the colony, besides many clerks engaged by Hongkong firms for Japan, Shanghai and the Canton Ports. The Chinese Government too has in this period employed from this school 80 boys in its Customs, Medical, Diplomatic and Telegraph services.

DOCTRINES OR PRIZES.

19. I will conclude by expressing the gratitude of the masters and boys to the many friends of this College, who continue year after year so generously to provide prizes for the encouragement of our young students. The Government grant on this head, liberal as it is, would go but a small way in providing rewards for 21 English and 12 Chinese Classes. But these distinctions coming as they do from all nationalities and all classes should be viewed in a further light, as an expression of public interest in the work done in these walls, and as a vote of public confidence in the master in which that work is performed.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

20. In the confined area of the Old Court School building, it could be done to provide the boys with the necessary opportunity for developing their physique. Simple gymnastic apparatus will always be created in the covered playground, if properly availed of, this should counteract the cramped attitudes generally associated with study.

FEES.

21. The fees have been raised in Class I, \$36 per annum, and in Classes II, III, to \$42, as the Upper School derives the chief benefit from the pupils of the schools of English. Masters and of costly school masters. Chinese parents should reflect that they have now a good English education brought to their doors and that their sons can pass an examination held in England without the outlet

available sending them thither for five or six years. It is much to be desired that parents who can afford it, as many of them well can, should not take their sons away immediately upon their promotion to the First Class, but allow them to stay a year or two at the top of the school to really complete their education.

STAFF.

12. The staff consists of twenty-nine in all; viz., nine English Masters (four of whom are graduates), ten Chinese Assistants, three Pupil Teachers and two Monitors; and in Chinese school four Chinese graduates (Sau Tsoi). This is an increase of two masters on the staff formerly at the Central School. Four new English masters arrived in April and May last, Messrs Barnes (M.A.), Booth Hassell (B.A.) and Bowring, these three have been appointed to the vacant posts created by the appointment of Mr. May to the Second Master on the death of Mr. Falconer. The six new Chinese Assistants were provided by six pupil teachers articled three years ago, and who during the last five months have given evidence of their ability to discharge their duties very satisfactorily. With the exception of Translation from Chinese in the two head classes, the Head Masters no longer takes a position on the teaching staff; his time being fully occupied in organization and supervision, fortnightly inspections of each class, half-yearly and annual examinations with other multifarious duties. It is noteworthy that the staff of 18 English and Chinese teachers is now equal to that of the Preparatory Class, is on the whole able to give a moderate Report, though it may be somewhat less than that of the 18 English and Chinese teachers.

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14. With the necessarily increased staff for 21 classes instead of 12, it could only reasonably be expected that the expenses would be increased, but it is satisfactory to observe that the average expense of each scholar, calculated on the average daily attendance, is lower than it has been for years. When it is remembered that for three months the expense of these extra English Masters was borne by the smaller number of boys at the Central School, it is reasonable to suppose that the additional cost of 12 extra English Masters will be worth the extra expense.

15. The result of the Examination, published by me for prize purposes and on which suitable promotions can be made next month, appears to me very satisfactory. The Head Masters have maintained a certain civilisation for a longer period than any other country on the earth; that the men of whom another besides the King has died, were 210 miles from the nearest land. Clothes were given them, their only garment being a loincloth, but so long as the ship continued in warm latitudes they staved that off with their bare bodies. They were given a small amount of food, but they preferred to eat the fish and meat that were thrown overboard. They were given a small amount of water, but they preferred to drink the sea water. They were given a small amount of clothing, but they preferred to wear the clothes that were given them. They were given a small amount of bedding, but they preferred to sleep on the deck. They were given a small amount of money, but they preferred to keep it. 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